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We have a few more good values left in suits worth from \$17 to \$25.00, to go at

\$12.75

A few more Palm Beaches to go at

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Also some Ladies' Panamas worth from \$5.00 to \$8.50, for

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These are all real bargains. You could not make better interest on your money if you did not use them until next season. This is the last call for this summer.

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"Where Quality is Paramount"

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As a most reliable source of supply for

Seeds Which Succeed

FOR AUTUMN SOWING WE OFFER

Beans, Landreth's Refugee or 1000-1, \$8.50 per bushel, f. o. b. Bristol, Pa.
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You are cordially invited to ask for any information you want relating to SEEDS. Mail us your address—a one-cent Postal Card will do the business. It will get you the Landreth List just issued. Landreth's sell seeds of all varieties of Table Vegetables.

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Designated Depository for State of Florida

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DAVID HOWELL,

Cashier

The Putnam National Bank of Palatka

PALATKA, FLORIDA

Total Assets, June 10th \$700,000.00
Liabilities to Depositors 495,000.00
Assets over Liabilities to Depositors 205,000.00

According to the New York Financial Review we are the second strongest National Bank in Florida.

Our Safe Deposit Boxes, double lock system, are the best make. \$3.00 per year. We solicit your banking business. Foreign Exchange issued.

GEO. E. WELCH, President A. S. WILKARD, Cashier
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"Just good, plain, common folks." How often you hear the expression, and it's a pretty fair compliment too.

That's just what we strive to be at this bank. We do not permit any "fads." We are a part of the community, and we want you to feel that your interests are our interests. We haven't much use for people who "put on airs." There's none of that around our bank, just good, plain, everyday business and accommodation. Come right in, you are welcome.

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Effective August 1st 1914 to August 1st 1915 and guaranteed against any reductions during that time. All cars fully equipped f.o.b. Palatka

Runabout - \$487.00
Touring Car - 537.00
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All retail buyers of new Ford cars from August 1st 1914 to August 1st 1915 will share in the profits of the company to the extent of \$40 to \$60 per car, on each car they buy, PROVIDED: we sell and deliver 300,000 new Ford cars during that period. Ask us for particulars

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Palatka, Fla.
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MERRYDAY BROS. TO ERECT NEW BLOCK

At Putnam House Corner—State Bank of Palatka's Ideal Quarters.

The State Bank of Palatka is soon going to have its business office in one of the best corners in Palatka—the most conspicuous corner. And the quarters will be in keeping with the nature of the business, smart, modern and attractive. This corner is at Lemon and Second streets, next to the Putnam House.

On the vacant lot at this corner, the owners, Messrs. Lew and W. A. Merryday, have decided to put up a modern business block. There will be two or three good stores fronting on Lemon street. The bank is to have the corner, and it is rumored that M. S. Brown, the clothier and furnisher will have the one adjoining. The work of construction is to begin in a short time and be completed before the winter is over.

Whether the block will be two, or three stories, The News could not learn. That is a question which has probably not been fully decided. The upper floors will be arranged for office purposes, for which the location is ideal.

The officers of the State Bank of Palatka are of course tickled at securing such a favorable location for their business, and they are certainly to be congratulated.

Since its organization this bank has made remarkable headway, its deposits showing a steady increase. Hon. F. J. Fearnside is the president of the bank, David Howell the cashier and J. H. Milligan, the assistant cashier. Other officials are among the live and conservative younger generation of capitalists of the city and county.

As Mr. M. S. Brown is out of the city he could not be interviewed to confirm the rumor of his contemplated removal to the new building proposed by the Merrydays.

CHAS. H. STOCKWELL CLIMBS GOLDEN STAIR

Was Prominent Land Owner and Developer of San Mateo.

A telegram received by P. J. Becks on Monday evening announced the death of Chas. H. Stockwell of San Mateo.

His death occurred at his summer home in New York state, and was due to a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Stockwell had been interested in grove property at San Mateo for a number of years and maintained a winter home there. Some three years ago he purchased 5,000 acres of land between San Mateo and Yelvington of the Florida Live Stock Co., and this he had laid out in tracts and was doing his utmost to settle with farmers from the north. Mr. Stockwell's landed interests in this county were held in the name of the San Mateo Farms Co., and he maintained an office in this city in the Law Exchange building, where he spent his business hours during the winter season. There are several large sign boards erected about the city calling attention to the lands of his company. Mr. Stockwell was a good business man and energetic. He was an enthusiastic believer in the future of this city and county and was doing his all toward building up.

Mr. Stockwell was a man past 60 years of age. He had been married three times. He is survived by the widow and one infant child.

The End of Dog Days.

Mayor S. J. Kemmerly has asked The News to state that on and after October 1st, (next week Thursday) all dogs in Palatka will be allowed to go unmuzzled. In other words that the muzzle feasting, and the dog ordinance will be suspended from that day.

It has been said that "every dog has his day," but the majority of Palatka dogs have had many of them this summer, days when they have acted "sheepish" because of this muzzle which has had such a quiet effect on their little Peruvian bark.

Girls' Canning Clubs.

A recent number of the Orlando Reporter-Star, in speaking of the work of the Girls' Canning Clubs of Florida, says:

"The Reporter-Star reads with interest of the canning club operations in Lakeland, Miami, St. Augustine and other places, and hopes that by this time next year, like chronicles will be made as to Orlando and Orange county. This is turning theoretical instruction to practical benefit, and the splendid young woman who is doing the pioneer work in Florida, Miss Agnes Ellen Harris, deserves more substantial recognition than she gets in her salary check. It would be no extravagant appreciation for each of the counties where she has introduced the work to appoint a sum sufficient for her to take a lengthy and luxurious vacation."

This work is now well-under way in Putnam county, where, owing to the initiative of Miss Harris, it was inaugurated and where Miss Jessie Burton of Crescent City, a young lady who has received inspiration from the State representative, has gone to it with an intelligence and vigor that has secured the highest praise from Miss Harris.

Miss Burton is under the joint pay of the Agricultural Department at Washington and the Putnam county school board, and will make a thorough campaign in the county with the purpose of organizing the school girls for the work.

Why send your money to Boston for your water when you can get a better water for half the price from your own municipal plant?

CHAS. KUPPERBUSCH AGAIN IN HARNESS

Popular Restaurateur to Resume Management of his Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kupperbusch, Palatka's old-time restaurateur and hotel keepers, who for the past eighteen months have leased the Kupperbusch Hotel while they have been taking a much needed rest, will again take charge of the well-known hostelry on Lemon street which bears their name.

They will assume charge on October 1st, and will be assisted in the management by John P. Miles, best known in Palatka as "Johnny" Miles, long a popular conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line, and who for the past four years has been managing a hotel at Braidentown. He will be the manager but of course under Mr. Kupperbusch, who will be on hand to give to the place the old-time Kupperbusch hospitality.

The first thing that Mr. Kupperbusch will do, will be to clean-up the house in order, and this he states will be done right. He will serve meals at the same popular prices which have made his name famous and has given to the house more or less prominence in 45 States of the union.

People in all sections of the State, and more especially in Putnam county, have hailed this announcement of Mr. Kupperbusch's reopening with delight.

RECLAMATION WORK OF RODMAN LUMBER CO.

Is Attracting Attention of the Whole Country.

Last week's issue of the New York Pecker, a publication devoted to the produce and fruit interests of the United States and with possibly the largest circulation of any similar publication in the country, had the following concerning the development of the rich farming and trucking lands near Rodman by the Rodman Lumber Company:

"The clearing of more than 1,200 acres of virgin land by the Rodman Lumber Company, on the Ocala Northeastern Railroad, about 12 miles southwest of Palatka, Fla., is one of the largest developments undertaken in that state for several years. A large force of men is busy removing stumps and digging drainage ditches, and it is planned to have not less than 200 acres ready to plant in Irish potatoes by January."

"The work is being carried on under the direction of President Cummings of the Rodman Company, who has for years been in the naval stores and lumbering industry, and now that these are to disappear in time he is getting ready to engage in farming and stock raising. That he has faith in his undertaking is evidenced from the size of it."

"Potatoes have been grown in a small way at Penick, just north and Kenwood to the south of his locality for some time, so there is no reason to doubt that this Rodman section is extension of 'Florida's Potato Patch,' a term now applied to the Palatka-Hastings neighborhood."

"The Rodman company, in addition to potatoes, expects to give a good deal of attention to celery. Following potatoes, corn will be planted and then hay, making three crops from the same land during the year. As the Palatka-Hastings section sent north 1,000 cars of potatoes last season from land that fifteen years ago would hardly have brought the taxes it shows that something is doing in the Palatka section of Florida."

Advertising Florida.

Another of the interesting exhibits of an educational nature that is that of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, which is conducting a campaign of publicity throughout the north. Messrs. Cardwell and Cohen, the former of the colonization department, and the latter of the passenger department, are in charge of the display, which consists of fruits, vegetables, grain and other commercial articles of the South all the way from Virginia to Florida. They have received many inquiries from interested parties and it would not be surprising if there were a number of people from this county who will be lured by the riches of the Southern agricultural fields. The exhibit is one of the most interesting and instructive on the fair grounds and is well worth visiting—Easton (Pa.) Daily Free Press.

Effective October 1st, 1914, Mr. E. B. O'Kelly is appointed Assistant Agricultural and Immigration Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, with headquarters at 138 West Bay street, Jacksonville, and reporting to Mr. Wilbur McCoy, Agricultural and Immigration Agent for the states of Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

Approaching Wedding of Interest.

Cards of invitation have been received by friends in this city to the marriage of May Louise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elmer Burge of Hastings, to Mr. Donald Merryday of Barstow of this city. The wedding will be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents in Hastings on Wednesday afternoon, October 7th, at four o'clock. The high character of the contracting parties and their general acquaintance in this city gives to the coming event much local interest.

Why didn't the Palatka Water Works of Boston tell you that the organic impurities of branch water far outweigh the inorganic impurities of "softened" artesian water? Tie a piece of flannel over your faucet for half a day and see what you are drinking from the old water works.

FOR SALE—S. C. White Leghorn pullets, 5-months old. Wycoff and Young Strain. One dollar each. F. B. Green, Grandin, Fla.

ULTERIOR MOTIVE MOVES MOLLYCODDLE

To "Monkey" with our County School Board.

The young man who guides the destinies of our Morning Post and who would guide those of this particular public after the manner of Posen and Pudmore, has been breathing insinuations of graft against our county school board and its chairman, P. Jack Becks.

He wants to know something of Mr. Becks which it was his privilege to get from the records. But that it, so he hints at laxness in methods and by innuendo at graft. He wants to know, you know, or rather, "what the people (for whom he is the self-imposed spokesman) of this school district want to know is when and how the decision to make this addition (to the Palatka school house) was arrived at."

"Also whether it was at a board meeting, or did the chairman of the board on his own responsibility start the work."

There was really no reason for the young man to dislocate his corset over this matter. He could have gotten the necessary information by a reference to the record, but no, he wanted a sensation, and he had "a reason" for desiring to snap at Becks.

The News is not the organ of the school board, nor of Mr. Becks, but it resents this public attack on their character and dereliction of duty.

At a meeting of the county school board on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, the following action was taken:

"Moved by Mr. Conway and seconded by Mr. Green; motion put and carried that the school board have built temporary house on school ground, and that Mr. Becks and Mr. Cottingham be instructed to have it built at once."

The statute of the State of Florida governing the duties of county school boards, directs that such board is to (5) "Do whatever is necessary with regard to purchasing or renting school sites and premises, constructing, repairing, furnishing, warming, ventilating, keeping in order or improving school houses, out buildings, fences, lands," etc.

The Putnam County school board has acted lawfully in every move so far made in the construction of this little annex to the Palatka high school. It has not acted differently than the average business man would act. It is a man knows what he wants built, he is justified at times in having the job done by the day.

If the Putnam county school board felt that it needed this extra building for the opening of school, it had no choice. It had to have the work done by the day. Had it advertised for bids, that advertisement would have had to run 30 days. That is the law. The board felt the building to be an immediate necessity, and ordered it constructed.

Bob Becks is in charge of the work. Bob is a brother of P. Jack. No one will contend that he is incompetent. Bob is a master builder and he is getting \$4 per day on this job.

The News went to Mr. Becks and asked to see the pay roll. It was produced immediately. Of course a public official is open to criticism when he does out of patronage to a relative, but if the relative is competent the criticism loses force. He would be an unnatural man not to favor his friends, and naturally his brother is his friend.

If the school board keeps correct record of its expenditures on this school house, makes proper report to the people, through some public print, there can be no just criticism of its methods other than that it did not decide on building last summer, so that the opening of the regular term would not be delayed. Had the board decided on building last summer, it could, probably would, have asked for tenders.

The failure of the bond election is no excuse for delay in building. Had the bonds carried the same need would have existed for the coming year.

But Mr. Becks insists that the board was not informed last summer of the increase of pupils which it now has reason to believe will demand school privileges.

It is one thing to differ with the views of a public body, or to charge it with incompetence, but to insinuate that it has transgressed its powers is quite another thing.

A public service body is not always a private snap; it has its troubles. One of them seemed to be the ease with which an impecunious mollycoddle can snap and snarl and find fault in the name of a much abused "dear people."

Death Came Suddenly.

Edward Derby, a well-known citizen of this city and an employee at the factory of the Selden Cypress Door Co. was discovered lying on the sidewalk within a short distance of his home last Friday night. He was dead. His body was taken to his home.

Mr. Derby, who was about 65 years of age, left the house about seven o'clock the same evening and was in his usual health. He attended the moving picture show and left immediately for home, so that his death could not have occurred but a short time before the discovery of his body.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Bruce Bair of Washington, D. C. He came to Palatka some 20 years ago from Vineland, N. J., and except for some six years, when he resided in Mississippi, has been here much of the time since.

The funeral was held from his late residence on Kirby street Monday morning at 10 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. P. Q. Cason. The Junior Order of American Mechanics, of which he was a member, attended in a body and had charge of the service at the grave in West View cemetery.

Many beautiful floral pieces attested to the esteem in which he was held by his neighbors and fellow workers. Mrs. Derby and daughter, Mrs. Bair have asked The News to express their sincere thanks to neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness in their bereavement.

"PETE" HAGAN WILL COME BACK HOME

Says Palatka Sounds like "Home, Sweet Home" to the Hagans.

Peter M. Hagan, chief deputy United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida, and who since his appointment to this federal sinecure has been trying to get accustomed to living in Jacksonville, has given up all effort in that direction and will come back to Palatka where he knows all the people and all the people know him.

As deputy marshal Mr. Hagan's work has been mostly in the field, traveling all over his district serving papers, and he finds that he can get about better and have more time with his family by living in Palatka. U. S. Marshall Brown has given his consent to the transfer. Mr. Hagan with his family will arrive in Palatka today or tomorrow, or perhaps not till early next week. But they will be here and have secured a flat in the Dalton block. In his letter to The News Mr. Hagan says:

"I have traveled all over Florida and a great many other states, and have seen some very fine cities and towns, have met a good many people everywhere. Jacksonville is a nice city to live in and I have many good friends here, but Palatka and the good people of old Putnam sounds like Home, sweet home to me."

Pete Hagan was for many years chief of police in Palatka and long a deputy sheriff. He is recognized as one of the best equipped police officers in Florida and since his appointment to the chief deputy marshalship of the U. S. court he has been many times complimented for his accurate work.

LOOMIS LOSES FIGHT TO GET ON TICKET

As Socialist Candidate for Congress—Lives in Palatka.

Judge D. A. Simmons of the Duval Circuit Court handed down a decision on Tuesday which will deprive Mr. E. Loomis of this city of the pleasure of running for congress in the coming election as the Socialist candidate from the Fourth district.

Mr. Loomis received his nomination at the hands of a convention of socialists in Tampa. Because the law makes the nomination of candidates for office in this state a strictly primary matter for all parties, Mr. Loomis' name was denied place on the official ballot.

Mr. Loomis then brought suit by mandamus proceedings against Secretary of State H. Clay Crawford, requiring that official to have his name placed on the official ballot to be voted in the November election.

The case has attracted considerable attention throughout the State, because it involved the question of the constitutionality of the Bryan primary law.

The case was argued on Wednesday of last week, the demurrer of the Secretary of State being argued by Attorney General West. John S. Maxwell of Jacksonville and Augustus Wingwood of Braidentown appeared for Mr. Loomis.

Judge Simmons handed down his decision last Tuesday. He said: "The demurrer to the alternative writ of mandamus having been duly argued, submitted and considered, it is ordered that the same be and is hereby sustained."

Porter-Jackson Wedding.

The marriage of Miss Nellie B. Jackson, daughter of Mr. E. C. Jackson of this city to Mr. Sumpter Quilla Porter of Daytona was solemnized at the home of the bride on Monday afternoon last at 2 o'clock, Rev. P. Q. Cason of the First Baptist church officiating. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and following the ceremony the happy couple held a brief and informal reception at which they received the congratulations of a host of sincere friends.

The bride was raised in Palatka and is a young lady of many charming graces which have endeared her to a large circle of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter left that evening for a trip down the east coast, and will make their future home at Daytona, where Mr. Porter is engaged in business.

The Palatka Water Works (of Boston) tells you that because it's water is a little softer, it is worth \$7.71 per million gallons more than the water furnished by the Palatka municipal plant. This being true, you would have to use 100,000 gallons per year for ten years to get your \$7.71.

Some chaps are cheerful all the while, No matter what they're doing; And some there are who even smile When they know trouble's brewing.

Russian Fitness Surprises Berlin. "The Russians," writes a correspondent of the News Rotterdamische Courant in Berlin, "are very much better than they were thought to be. One hears that on every side. From Austria one hears that the way the men are clothed and shod is splendid. Alcohol has been forbidden throughout the Russian army, and a strong hand is being kept on the soldiers."

Bread From Tulip Bulbs. On account of the scarcity of wheat in Holland the Association of Dutch Bakers has sanctioned the use of a so-called "tulip bread," in which one third of the flour used is made from ground tulip bulbs. The bread is said to be very nourishing, and the war ministry has recommended its use in the army.